

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) ~~The front fork for a motorcycle according to claim 1A front fork for a motorcycle, comprising:~~
a slide pipe slidably provided within a cylinder tube; and
a working fluid chamber provided within the cylinder tube and the slide pipe, wherein
upper and lower guide bushes coated with a polytetrafluoroethylene and an oil seal
sealing the fluid chamber disposed in an inner periphery of the cylinder tube so as to be in slide
contact with an outer peripheral surface of the slide pipe, and
an amorphous hard carbon film disposed on the outer peripheral surface of the slide
pipe,
wherein grooves having a fine depth and holding the working fluid are formed on a surface of the amorphous hard carbon film.
3. (Previously Presented) The front fork for a motorcycle according to claim 2, wherein the grooves have a depth between 0.09 and 0.2 μm .
- 4-20. (Cancelled)
21. (Cancelled)
22. (Previously Presented) The front fork for a motorcycle according to claim 3, wherein grooves having a fine depth and holding the working fluid are formed in a net shape on a surface of the amorphous hard carbon film.
23. (Previously Presented) The front fork for a motorcycle according to claim 22, wherein the grooves have a depth between 0.09 and 0.2 μm .
24. (Cancelled)
25. (Previsouly Presented) The front fork for a motorcycle according to claim 2, wherein an average roughness of the amorphous hard carbon film surface formed on the outer peripheral surface of the slide pipe is $R_a = 7.3 \text{ \AA}$.

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26. (Previously Presented) The front fork for a motorcycle according to claim 2, wherein the low speed operation range is from 0.01 m/sec to 0.1 m/sec and the high speed operation range is more than 0.1 m/sec.